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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 15 (amended). In combination with a bridge having a deck, a platform disposed below said bridge deck and attached to said bridge and extending along a portion of the bridge for supporting persons performing work on the bridge portion and for collecting debris resulting from the work, the platform comprising:

- a) a plurality of cables extending along said bridge and in

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